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Red Hawks blow out Hurricanes

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Red Hawks put the pedal to the metal as soon as the puck dropped in Haliburton and never looked back, defeating the Holy Cross Hurricanes 9-0 Nov. 24. The Red Hawks' next home game is Dec. 6 at the A.J. LaRue Arena against the St. Peter Saints. Puck drops at 3:45 p.m.
Pictured: The Red Hawks scramble for the loose puck at centre ice. *Photo by Alex Coop.*



Local firefighters earn national bravery medals

By **Jennifer Hughey**

Algonquin Highlands resident Bruce Hicks and former Haliburtonian Derek Wilson have been awarded Medals of Bravery by the Governor General of Canada.

Two Stars of Courage and 39 Medals of Bravery were presented by Julie Payette at Rideau Hall in Ottawa Nov. 23. Hicks

and Wilson (who now lives in Barrie) were recognized.

"I'm honoured, but I feel like we were just doing our job," said retired fire Captain Hicks, who served 34 years with Mississauga Fire and Emergency Services. "We weren't going to leave our friends."

Hicks, 59, moved to Saskatchewan Lake, north of Halls Lake, with wife Cheri and

their two boys in 1990. He continued to commute to Mississauga, where he was stationed.

He and Wilson received what Hicks called a routine request for a two-truck response on April 23, 2014. "It's usually nothing, but every once and a while, it's something," Hicks said.

That morning, around 4:30 a.m., Hicks

and his team responded to a fire call at a warehouse in the neighbourhood of Malton, close to Toronto airport, and one of the largest industrial areas in the city.

He described the 93,000 square-foot warehouse as having only a small amount of smoke seeping from the cracks when they arrived.

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Highlander news

Councillor jobs ‘for the rich or retired’

By Alex Coop

Early on during her time as an Algonquin Highlands councillor, Lisa Barry was told something that to this day frustrates her: A councillor job is for the rich or the retired.

“I was speaking to another councillor about how at the end of the month, there doesn’t seem to be any money left,” said Barry. “That’s when she said that sadly, being a councillor is for the ‘rich or retired.’ It broke my heart when she said that. I’m neither of those things, and that’s not why I got involved [in municipal politics].”

Barry, a married mother of two, is nearing the end of her second term as councillor for Ward 2, Stanhope. She also volunteers for five additional township committees.

Township staff and other councillors have been incredibly flexible over the past seven years when it comes to scheduling, said Barry, and it’s one of the main reasons why she’s been able to continue working in the public sector.

“As much as I don’t agree with the notion that you have to be rich or retired, I don’t think you need to be paid a large amount,” she said. “Flexibility and accommodating the other parts of people’s lives, bridging them together, that is most important.”

Barry also runs a craft-based business and does some contract work on the side. Her parents live next door, providing a safe space for her children when she is out working.

Without this, Barry said she wouldn’t be able to be a councillor.

Councillors in Algonquin Highlands make \$18,452. The mayor and deputy mayor make \$27,495 and \$21,996, respectively. Council benefits cost an additional \$16,800 per year.

The township ranks second highest among others in the county for councillor remuneration rates. In first place is Minden Hills, where councillors make \$18,465, while benefits amount to \$21,840. The mayor and deputy mayor make \$27,358 and \$21,886, respectively.

Coun. Pam Sayne, who runs a home inspection business on the side, said without another job, she could not be a councillor.

“It does not provide a living wage,” she said about council compensation.

Dysart et al, the largest municipality in the county, recently discussed its remuneration rates during a council meeting Nov. 20.

At the moment, Dysart councillors make the least, \$14,843 per year. The mayor and deputy mayor make \$26,244 and \$17,317, respectively.

Dysart CAO Tamara Wilbee recommended a \$500 increase to the mayor’s salary to “bring that role more on par with the neighbouring municipalities within the county.”

The deputy mayor would make 80 per cent of that; councillors would make 70 per cent. Wilbee’s report also included options for health benefits. Dysart is the only local municipality without a benefit plan for council.

The report suggested a personal health spending account, which would allow councillors and eligible dependants to access funds specifically for medical costs that are supported by the Canada Revenue Agency.

Council decided to defer its final decision until budget deliberations next month, but the report spurred a heated discussion.

“I don’t understand why the largest township pays its councillors the least,” said Coun. Susan Norcross, who with Coun. Dennis Casey, reviewed council remuneration rates Nov. 3 for Dysart.

The two were appointed by council to review the current rates.

Coun. Nancy Wood-Roberts said the position of councillor is tailored to retired people.

“I’m quite happy where I am,” she said. Coun. Walt McKechnie agreed.

“I don’t think we’re underpaid a lot,” he said. “I calculated it, I make about 50 to 60 bucks an hour.”

Casey credited Mayor Murray Fearrey for keeping council remuneration rates consistent and for “looking out for the taxpayers” but stressed the rates should change in some way to attract future politicians. There’s a municipal election slated for next fall.

“Our council’s future should be filled with young, energetic people with new ideas,” he said. “[Being a councillor] shouldn’t just be for retired people.”

Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt said the downloading of responsibilities to municipal councils is happening more, increasing the workload for most councillors.

“The size of the community should be irrelevant to the work you do,” she said, adding a lot of councillors do feel “tremendously” underpaid for the work they do, referring to after-hours committee meetings, volunteer work, and out-of-town conferences.

“But if all you’re going to do is go to a meeting or two, you might feel differently,” she said.

	DYSART	HE	MH	AH	COUNTY
Mayor	\$26,244	\$24,236	\$27,358	\$27,495	\$15,801 (Warden)
Deputy Mayor	\$17,317	\$19,388	\$21,886	\$21,996	\$7,900
Councillor	\$14,843	\$16,359	\$18,465	\$18,452	\$7,900
Benefits		\$13,828	\$21,840	\$16,800	

**Councillors in Highlands East (HE) also make \$50 for committee meetings. County councillors make \$75 for committee meetings under two hours, and \$125 for meetings greater than two hours. Dysart et al (Dysart), Minden Hills (MH), Algonquin Highlands (AH).



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Left: Bruce Hicks receives his Medal of Bravery from Governor General Julie Payette. Right: Derek Wilson shakes Governor General Julie Payette's hand after receiving his medal. *Photos submitted.*

'That's what we get paid to do': Hicks

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"There was no visible flame until after explosion, [which] caused the entire structure to come down, including most of the roof. [Only] part of the office area was still standing."

Wilson's crew was near an open bay door when the explosion happened, which Hicks said saved their lives. One captain was buried by the rubble, but was able to put his arm in the air to signal for help.

"This, as well as the very bright scene lighting [we used], was how we could locate where the crew was buried," he remembered. "We had very little time to remove them before that area was engulfed in flame."

Hicks knows the event could have had a much different outcome. "We lucked out. All three crews inside could have been buried and would not have survived, mine being one of them."

Hicks was part of a larger group of eight [firefighters and] paramedics to be presented with the Medal of Bravery.

First established in 1972, Decorations for Bravery are meant to acknowledge those who risked their lives to try to save or protect the lives of others. The Medal of Bravery specifically recognizes acts of bravery in hazardous circumstances.

Wilson told *The Highlander* in an email he's proud of his crew and they were able to do their jobs well under difficult circumstances, but also saddened that members of his crew were negatively impacted that day.

"It is difficult to feel happy about receiving what is a tremendous honor," Wilson said. "when people I know very well are still recovering a couple of years later."

Hicks agrees with Wilson.

"That's what we get paid to do," he said, "and the guys who got injured, they are the ones who were heroes. They had to go through it."

New and faster internet for parts of Haliburton County

By Lisa Gervais

A County of Haliburton internet project is almost done and under budget, the county's IT director, Mike March told County Council Nov. 22.

In a report, he also indicated it's not only good news for the 20 or so municipal sites that now have new, or better, internet service, but some neighbouring businesses and possibly houses in future.

In conjunction with the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN), he said a 10-year deal with Bell got the county significantly reduced costs for fibre and DSL.

"For the majority of sites there were no capital costs to implement fibre optics internet. For five of the 20 locations, there was a capital build cost to be paid by the county, estimated to be \$357,000." He said it was to be partially funded by \$231,257 in reserves, and the rest in the 2017 budget. IT required another \$15,000 in costs, he said.

But, the final price have come in at \$186,838, a 48 per cent savings. He asked for the remaining \$170,262 to remain in the reserve for future broadband projects.

March noted that some additional work has been done, too, as fibre upgrades were necessary to resolve connection issues at many of the locations, such as the Algonquin Highlands and Highlands East administration offices. Some new sites were added or will be added, as well, such as Stanhope Airport and the new Harcourt Community Centre.

March said it's also good news for the public since it means an expanded public Wi-Fi network at several libraries to meet the summer demand.

He said, "County Council approved fibre builds at certain locations with the hope that the expanded fibre infrastructure may be utilized in the future to increase service for businesses and our ratepayers."

Areas with new or faster internet service include: the county office on Newcastle Street, Minden, administration offices in Minden Hills, Algonquin Highlands, Dysart et al and Highlands East, the Dorset rec centre building, the AH office in Dorset, the Tory Hill and Minden EMS headquarters, the Paudash and Oxtongue Lake fire halls, the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, libraries in Minden, Haliburton and Wilberforce, The West Guildford Community Centre, arenas in Minden and Haliburton and the Rails End Gallery.

Highlander news

Hometown Hockey racks up \$16,000 bill

By Mark Arike

Rogers Hometown Hockey cost the County of Haliburton less than originally anticipated.

On Nov. 22, tourism director Amanda Virtanen reported the total investment in the Oct. 14-15 event was about \$16,000, or \$4-9,000 under initial projections.

The single largest expense was signage at \$10,000. Security was about \$6,000 and transportation, including shuttle buses, cost nearly \$7,400. (This includes an event held at the high school prior to the festival). Less than \$300 was spent on marketing. The total was \$24,000, but a \$6,000 grant from Hydro One and \$1,800 in contributions from lower-tier municipalities for shuttle buses reduced the final figure.

"The expenses came in less than originally forecasted, so that's always good news," said County Warden Brent Devolin in an interview. "When the dust settled, we basically had direct investment back to minor hockey and otherwise. From a community level, it's a net wash."

Scotiabank, one of the tour's sponsors, donated \$15,000 to the Highland Storm. Rogers also pitched in \$500 for the hockey players' cleanup efforts at the event. And the Haliburton Rotary and Lions clubs contributed money from their barbecue.

About 4,000 people attended the festival, according to Virtanen's report. The Haliburton Highlands moniker received 9.1



A large crowd packed the parking lot near Head Lake Park for the Oct. 15 live broadcast of Hometown Hockey. *File photo.*

million consumer impressions during the festival by way of pre-and post mentions, broadcast, print, radio and social media.

Impressions are essentially views.

"We'd have been happy to spend that money for that [impressions] alone," said Devolin.

Feedback from Rogers and its marketing team has been overwhelmingly positive. Despite being the smallest community

they've visited, the event had "one of the best turnouts of any tour stop," said Virtanen.

Devolin said he expects the benefits to the community "will accrue for a long, long time." He added the rest of council was unanimous in their support of Virtanen's findings.

The money is coming out of the tourism department's budget, confirmed CAO Mike

Rutter. He expects it will be covered by a surplus.

"It was certainly a tourism-oriented event, so that's where we'd charged those expenses," said Rutter.

A Hometown Hockey page can be found on the county's tourism website at myhaliburtonhighlands.com/hometown-hockey.

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Citizens should determine council wages



By Lisa Gervais

It's a good time to talk about how much municipal councillors are, and should be, paid in Haliburton County.

If there are to be any changes at Dysart et al, or at the three other municipalities, the time to increase, freeze or decrease wages is now – so that the new rates of pay, and in some cases benefits, are in place for the new councils that are elected next October.

Dysart et al councillors, who make less than any other councillors in the county, have been discussing their remuneration in recent weeks.

We talked to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing's top media relations spokesperson, and he said the government of Ontario views municipalities as responsible and accountable governments, with the authority to make decisions within their jurisdiction. In other words, it's up to each municipality to make decisions regarding council remuneration.

Many councils in Ontario delegate the task of reviewing pay and benefits to a citizens review committee first and we think that's a smart, arms-length, approach.

In Guelph, for example, this type of review is done every four years, or once a council term. Council still gets the final say. But, if approved, the recommendations of the Citizens Review Committee are applied to the incoming term of council, in other words after the municipal election, not before. In non-election years, this committee may recommend CPI increases every Jan. 1. That's also prudent.

Peterborough City Council also just went through a similar process. Last year, council asked that a citizens' committee be formed to determine whether the pay for council is sufficient. Citizens applied to take part.

The committee recently ruled that councillors get paid enough and don't need a raise. Peterborough councillors earn a base pay of \$27,720. They're part-timers. The mayor's base pay, in case you're interested, is \$67,703. It's a full-time gig.

The report said the committee wanted to ensure the rate was enough to attract good candidates but not so high that the only reason people would go after a seat on council was for money.

The City of Kawartha Lakes, which goes to eight councillors from 16 next October, just voted a \$10,000 increase for councillors, arguing they're going to be much busier with their ranks cut in half. No citizens review committee. And, now, they'll be paid more than their counterparts in a much larger Peterborough.

We're not going to say whether or not councillors here make enough money. That's a subject for another editorial. However, we would endorse striking a citizens committee to look into politician's salary levels at the county and four lower-tier municipalities.

Doing this on a four-year basis also means that nobody on council ever has to ask for a review again, since the subject of how much they get paid can be touchy with ratepayers.

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I know, I know. You're all a little confused about what you would like to get me for Christmas again this year. Well, fret no more my friends. I've reached that point in my life where I don't need anything more. In fact, it is time to initiate the divestiture procedure. Every time I squeeze through the garage and the shed and certain areas of the basement, the thought crosses my mind: why do I have all this stuff that for the most part just sits there, being shuffled about every time a general five alarm cleanup is declared.

That having been said, there are many options here in the Highlands for those looking for unique and interesting gifts. In addition to many stores with great selections, we are fortunate to be surrounded by a host of artists with an overflowing basket of skills. Painters, sculptors, potters, glass blowers, woodworkers, photographers, weavers and so much more. Inspired by the Highlands, they create items that are wonderfully unique. Best of all, they are made right here in the Highlands by an artist you can meet and get to know. They love to talk about their work and share their artistic visions. Visit the Arts

Council Haliburton Highlands website for a list of the many artists in our community.

The community is rich with the performing arts. Many of the groups are on stage now adding to the festive season. Enjoying a concert or performance with a friend or neighbour, someone who might not otherwise be able to get out to an event, is a great way to say Merry Christmas, even if the gift is actually delivered before Dec. 25. Of course, I can't pass over the performing arts without acknowledging that the Highlands Summer Festival (I am president of the company) and the Highlands Opera Studio are offering season pass specials for next summer's performances. Live theatre and music performed on our local stages make great gifts for someone who has everything. Ads in local newspapers can inform you how to buy a summer of live entertainment and music.

How about donning Santa's persona and giving a gift to someone you don't know?

Local food banks are always looking for donations, in-kind or cash. Of course, the need is year-round, but it's always more acute during the holiday period. Through a

food bank donation, you know you are helping someone in need. Look for local food bank contact information online or in the phone book.

The SIRCH Gifts from the Heart program is underway again this season. Through your donation you can help local families and individuals who need assistance with food security, poverty, poor health, illness and grief. Your gift helps people in our community by offering a hand up. As the SIRCH website states, "Change your community and change lives – with one gift, when you give a Gift from the Heart." Contact SIRCH for additional information on how you can help. Sometimes the most meaningful gift is the one you give to someone you don't know.

So, don't let this holiday season slip by without considering the many Haliburton Highlands options for making someone happy this year. Make it a Merry Christmas for everyone in our community, including yourself.



By Jack Brezina

Merry Minden

Dear editor,

I'd like to congratulate everyone involved in the merrymaking of Minden Village.

There have been a series of near perfect happenings over the last week or so that have resulted in a wonderful warm and welcoming feeling throughout the town.

And ... moreover it was a team effort all the way. The township's community services department needs to heartily applauded the stars of the various "shows" who were/are Elisha Weiss, Ruth O'Connell, and Laurie Carmount. The Santa Claus parade, The Festival of

Trees, The Christmas Craft show and the delightful Lights and Delights events were all top notch. They must be tired little elves by now. They need to know that their efforts are appreciated by the lazy and uninspired rest of us.

The Festival of Trees was especially improved this year, I thought. Patti Walshe, Pam Smith, Jaklin Casper, Pat Campbell, and Ellie Welch and a veritable mob of designers and contributors did a bang up job.

The list of volunteers that helped make all of this happen is immense. But special credit needs to be given to Mary McCrae

(the Empress of Ingoldsby) for her tireless attitude in getting the town dressed for the season. Her group of voluntolds worked together with Elisha and the CSD guys to produce a fresh new holiday look for main street. Both Mary and Elisha are like Eveready Bunnies ... woops wrong holiday.

Most sincerely and without the usual sarcasm, I am very happy and proud to continue to play a small part in the festive proceedings.

Sinclair Russell
Minden

Letters

Editorial opinion

Eye on the street: What do you want from Santa this Christmas?



Kayla Sutton

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An American dollar.



Jacob Sutton

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A tablet.



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Rescue Bots.



Brayden Collins

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A monster truck.



Chloe Collins

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A baby [doll] and a dress for Halloween.

Photos and interviews by Mark Arike

Minden Lioness Club makes contribution

Dear editor,

On Oct. 17, the Minden Lioness Club hosted the District A-16 Lioness dinner.

A cheque for \$13,251.75 was presented to Five Counties Children's Charities by 2016-2017 district Lioness president Pat Aitken.

She had selected Five Counties as her president's project.

Each of the Lioness clubs in District A-16 contributed.

Since I became a Lioness, the projects have been: Belinda's Place; Kid's Help Phone; Ontario Shores – Youth Mental

Health; LCCKF – The Children of Camp Kirk; Canadian Congenital Heart Alliance; Five Counties; and, this year, Multiple Sclerosis.

Each Lioness club in the district not only helps support the project but also supports needs in their own communities.

If you're interested in learning more about Minden Lioness, contact Deloris Bailey 705-286-3174 or Phyllis Sutherland 705-286-2180.

Deloris Bailey
Minden Lioness president,

Milburn Road 'a nightmare'

Dear editor,

Travelling the Milburn Road is nothing short of a nightmare.

It astounds me this road can be left in such disrepair without any consequences and responsibility directly placed at Minden Hills township. The potholes are beyond comprehension and I am sure if any member of Minden Hills council travelled this township road they could certainly attest to my displeasure, concern and lack of safety conditions that exist. If

money is an issue perhaps council should investigate contracting the maintenance of the Milburn Road and perhaps all municipal roads to an outside source to see if money could be saved by this initiative and perhaps better road conditions.

Perhaps council should also look into infrastructure road upgrade funding to see if there is anything available in that respect.

Beverly MacDuff
Gooderham

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



The moon shines brightly above the Haliburton Santa Claus parade on Friday, Nov. 24. Photo by Mark Arike.

Heavy metal daycare

It was all OK until we broke some stuff. I mean, no one (i.e. my lovely wife) would have noticed if we hadn't broken stuff, and not quite cleaned it up properly...

The day had started with a homage to the late Malcolm Young. You know him, brother of Angus, founder of seminal heavy metal band ACDC. I'd been playing a few tunes when Little Z's mates had turned up, all rocking out to the tuneless whining of Bon Scott and his band. Ah, 1980s rock, you can't beat it. Well, actually you can, especially that stuff played by the guys with the big hair, but we won't go into that.

Anyhoo, one thing led to another and before we knew it the living room had become a gladiatorial arena for the pillow fight to end all fights with, well pillows, and the far more hefty and dangerous sofa

cushions!

You see, my lovely wife had gone out and I was now in sole charge of a gaggle of boys who were full of beans. They'd been outside for a few hours previous, dashing through the bush worrying the local wildlife, heaving rocks into the partially frozen beaver pond, generally making the kind of harmless mayhem that small boys can. But, now they were inside. In my house. And still full of energy. As for myself, I have to admit to having drank a couple of beers while I did my chores, and so, by mid-afternoon we were all down for the pillow fight.

We could have calmed down and done something non-gender specific, something truly 'nowish' like crafts, I guess, but boys will be boys ... The music? It had changed from old rockers to slightly newer rockers,

System Of A Down.

The 100mph drums, the screamed lyrics worked us into a frenzy of pillow fighting and as three young chaps biffed me with feather-filled weapons, I picked them up and threw them down on the sofa like rag dolls. Everyone was having a great time.

Then, 'SMASH'!

On investigation, it seemed that an errant pillow had got too near the mantle-piece and knocked off a cup that Little Z had made in a pottery class (see we do the new-age stuff too).

Quick, pick up the pieces and carry on, yeah? Cool!

The tunes changed again, this time to Metallica but the energy levels were depleted and so hotdogs and fries followed by popcorn and a movie were the order of

the day.

To bed with the boys by nine o'clock. Only one upset after that, when an after-hours pillow fight got out of hand and the bedroom curtains were torn down. All in all, though, a great day.

But for one thing. When my lovely wife got home, she greeted me and glanced around the room, which was all now tidy, thought I. But, there, under the table, a small piece of pottery.

"What's that?" she asked picking up the fragment and instantly knowing where it had come from.

Busted. I had to tell all but it was worth it because boys always will be boys, won't we.



By Will Jones

TheOutsider

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Katie's Run proceeds support genetics project

By Mark Arike

More than \$100,000 is going toward finding a cure for Dravet Syndrome and other genetic forms of drug-resistant epilepsy because of Katie's Run and the Ontario Brain Institute (OBI).

Katie's Run organizers and the OBI recently announced that almost \$38,000 raised from the event will be donated to the EpLink Genetics Project, led by Dr. Berge Minassian and Dr. David R. Hampson, a professor in the department of pharmaceutical sciences at the University of Toronto. Each dollar raised was matched with an additional two dollars from the OBI, a research institute funded by the provincial government.

Katie Woudstra, the inspiration for the run and walk fundraiser, is a firm believer in the project.

"This genetics project is something we're so happy to stand behind," said Woudstra in an interview. "We see this project as something that could be so far-reaching."

Woudstra, who is from Haliburton, was diagnosed with epilepsy at the age of 16. She points out she has a genetic form—like 75 per cent of epilepsy sufferers—but it's not Dravet Syndrome. After finding the right medications, she was epilepsy free for five years.

But after facing some other health issues, the 21-year-old had a grand mal seizure last August. She was two months shy of graduating from a dental assisting program



Geri Woudstra and daughter Katie at last year's run. *File photo.*

and about to move into a new home in Vancouver.

"I was getting ready for my career and all this stuff, and then it completely disrupted everything," said Woudstra.

After undergoing tests, her doctor's best guess was the seizure was caused by a combination of things. In the summer, she was diagnosed with celiac disease and had her gallbladder removed due to gallstones. Woudstra hasn't had a seizure since.

She returned to Haliburton and is focusing on helping people with epilepsy.

Dravet Syndrome is a severe form of epilepsy, and people with it also exhibit cognitive and behavioural impairments, according to a press release.

"By using gene therapy techniques, our team hopes to develop a viable long-term therapy for treating Dravet Syndrome," said Dr. Hampson. "Our deepest thanks to Geri [Katie's mom] and Katie of Katie's Run for

selecting this project and supporting our efforts."

The 7th annual Katie's Run will take place July 7, 2018 at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Woudstra is grateful for the continued support from the Highlands.

"We always feel supported by our county and our donors," she said. "It's a huge blessing to be a part of this community."

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H&R Block wins client service award

By Mark Arike

After winning a national award from H&R Block, a humble Chad Irvine says it's his staff who keep the wheels turning.

"It really boils down to our staff and the longevity of them all," said Irvine, franchise owner of H&R Block offices in Haliburton and Minden, and locations in Bancroft, Bobcaygeon and Fenelon Falls. "They become like a family."

Irvine has 10 staff, some of whom have worked for the company more than 20 years.

At the end of October in Calgary, he received the "Best of Block" award for outstanding performance in client retention. Although he's been given awards for performance and high percentage

of returning clients, it was his first time getting an award at this level.

"I was totally surprised," he said, recalling the moment he was announced the recipient at the company's banquet. Some words were shared about his offices and a slideshow of photos were shown.

In 2016, Irvine's five offices completed a total of 5,700 tax returns. Nearly half were done in Haliburton and Minden. Located on Maple Avenue, the Haliburton office has served the community for 36 years.

In addition to having a strong team, he said H&R Block has "a good reputation around town for doing a good job at a fair price."

H&R Block has been in Canada for 53 years. It currently has 600 offices across the country, according to its website.

H&R Block franchise owner Chad Irvine with assistant manager Cindy Baumhour. Photo by Mark Arike.

Shoppers Drug Mart finds new home on Highland Street

It's official. As of Saturday, Nov. 25, Shoppers Drug Mart now resides on Highland Street in Haliburton. Owner and pharmacist Aimee Mansfield is overjoyed with the move, saying the store is "bigger and better than ever." Mansfield believes this is the right move for the community, and she looks forward to having a significant presence on the main street. During the opening ceremonies, Mansfield and Shoppers Drug Mart officials donated \$4,500 to Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS), which was accepted by HHHS board member Peter Oyler. Mansfield went on to thank the community for their overwhelming support, and stated how grateful she is to be representing and providing health and wellness in the community that has always been her home. (Emily Stonehouse)



Owner Aimee Mansfield and front store manager Breanne Mansfield cut the official ribbon to signify the opening of the new Shoppers Drug Mart. Photo by Emily Stonehouse.

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NOTICE Budget Standing Committee Meeting

Take Notice that the Budget Standing Committee, comprised of all members of Council, will meet on Tuesday December 12, 2017 at 9:00 am in the Council Chambers, located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON to review the first draft of the 2018 Budget.

For further information regarding the meeting, please contact Dawn Newhook, Clerk.

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Meeting & Events

Dec 12 - 9:00 am, Budget Standing Committee Meeting, Minden Council Chambers
Dec 14 - 9:00 am, combined COTW/ Council Meeting, Minden Council Chambers

For Council, Boards & Advisory Committee meetings, visit www.mindenhills.ca

Please Note: Council meetings are reduced to one meeting during the month of December.

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Nominations open for chamber awards

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce annual business and community achievement awards gala may be four months away, but they “like to give people lots of time to submit nominations,” said manager Autumn Wilson.

Nominations opened this past Monday, Nov. 27 for the 12th annual awards to be held in 2018.

“We had a record number of nominations last year and we are hoping to surpass it this year so we can shine the light on the amazing people that make our community so great,” Wilson said in a press release.

They made the announcement on radio and social media on Monday.

“We have added a new award category this year, the Young Professional of the Year, which we think will be very popular,” Wilson added.

The nominations are scheduled to close on Feb. 15 and the gala is on March 17 this year.

Other categories include: business achievement, entrepreneur of the year, innovation and creativity, new business, not-for-profit of the year; skilled trades and industry; tourism and hospitality and the warden’s award. (Lisa Gervais)

The Birds and the Bees impress

By Alex Coop

For the past seven months, the Burke family has watched their 15-year-old daughter Morgan turn their home into what has been described as Santa’s workshop.

“She has taken over the living room and the kitchen,” laughed Morgan’s mother Donna. “But it’s been amazing.”

Morgan, a junior from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, is approaching a sustainable income thanks to her business “The Birds and the Bees” which develops various items from the by-products of honey bees. Her inventory is government approved.

The one-man operation is going to help fund her future university education.

But Morgan is very much focused on the now, and her business has turned heads since it took off in April. Orders are coming in from several stores and restaurants in the county. A few come from Toronto.

Most recently, she placed first in the Royal Winter Agricultural Fair’s Best Vendor and Best Customer Service categories in Toronto.

The fair is the largest combined indoor agricultural fair and international equestrian show in the world, according to its website.

Morgan was also one of the youngest exhibitors in the fair’s history.

During the Haliburton Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary’s Snowflake Bazaar Nov. 18, Morgan said it took her about two months to prepare for the Toronto



Morgan Burke, displays some of her merchandise at the recent Ladies Auxiliary Snowflake Bazaar in Haliburton. Photo by Alex Coop.

fair. More than 500 vendors participated in the event.

The hard work paid off not only with the hardware she earned, but the expert advice the fair’s CEO, Charlie Johnstone, is looking to give her as time goes on.

“He’ll be able to give me some contacts, general advice ... I’m hoping he will lead me through everything,” she said.

In addition to a Facebook page, Morgan is also putting the final touches on her new website, thebirdsandthebeesonline.ca.

“It’s been a huge journey,” she said. “I

didn’t expect all of this to take off and to accomplish so much this winter.”

After suddenly falling in love with beekeeping earlier this year – and successfully applying for a business grant from the Kawartha Summer Company that helped kick-start everything – Morgan can’t imagine what life would be like without her new business.

Donna said the support from the community has been outstanding.

“The orders are coming in weekly,” she said.

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Highlander arts



Featured artist Thom Lambert with Canoe FM station manager Roxanne Casey. Photo by Mark Arike.

Online auction a win-win for Canoe FM and artists

By Mark Arike

Canoe FM has tapped into a new section of its website to auction off the work of four local artists and raise some money by doing so.

The new initiative, dubbed the “Artist of the Week Auction,” began Nov. 13 with painter Stephanie MacKendrick. Last week, the work of potter Thom Lambert was on the online auction.

The project was spearheaded by Kevin Shea, director and member of the marketing/fundraising committee, according to station manager Roxanne Casey.

“Now that we have a portal on our website, he thought maybe we could make use of that,” said Casey.

In exchange for donating a piece of art to the station, each artist receives a week’s worth of promotion via interviews and advertisements. Information about each artist and their artwork is on the station’s website. Items can also be viewed at the station.

Five spots were filled within a day of issuing a call for artists. Other participants include Harvey Walker and Susan Hay. The final week will feature a Robert Bateman

print donated by Canoe FM president Ron Evans and Kim McBrien.

It’s a win-win partnership between the artists and the station.

“They were all really happy to do it,” said Casey. “It’s a fundraiser for us, but it’s also giving back to the artists,” she said.

Proceeds will go toward the station’s operating costs. Casey said they plan to reconfigure their space by relocating studio engineer Ron Murphy to the back of the station—away from the front door—and putting the main studio in the middle of the room.

At this time, Casey isn’t sure how much that will cost.

Once the art auction ends, it could return sometime next year. They will get feedback from participants once it’s over. But in the meantime, the portal could be used to auction other donated items such as a bush cord of wood, she said. That suggestion came from a listener.

Canoe FM is the county’s only non-profit radio station. Last year, its 133 volunteers contributed more than 16,000 hours to the station. There are three paid positions.

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Highlands Festival Singers present ‘Sing Noel, Alleluia!’

It was an evening of celebration at the Haliburton United Church this past Sunday, Nov. 26. The Highlands Festival Singers presented “Sing Noel, Alleluia!” which was directed by Melissa Stephens and accompanied by Lauren McInnes. The choir sang 13 different songs, all of which made reference to the term “Alleluia” in a series of different languages, contexts and styles. The concert was broken into two different caroling breaks, which audience members joyfully accompanied. The choir is already planning their spring concert on April 29 and May 1, 2018. (Emily Stonehouse)



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Above: Hosts Dame Beatrice (Mike Jaycock), left, and Elf (Lorraine McNeil) kept the laughs going. Right: The Highlands Male Chorus performs under the direction of Melissa Stephens. *Photos by Mark Arike.*

Another record-breaking Christmas Shindig

By Mark Arike

Fuel for Warmth, a charity that helps prevents local residents from going cold in the winter, will be able to offer them more support because of the generosity of the community.

Last Saturday night, the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion was packed for the fourth annual sold out Highlands Christmas Shindig. At the time, the event raised more than \$22,000—but that's expected to increase to at least \$23,500 as more money trickles in.

"This means we have raised over \$70,000 in four years of doing the shindig," said treasurer Lorne McNeil. "This has allowed Fuel for Warmth to double the amount of fuel 'gifts' to our clients."

The show, which was hosted by Dame Beatrice



(Mike Jaycock), Elf (Lorraine McNeil) and Sir Cedric Bridlington (Peter Jaycock), featured more than 40 local performers. Twenty-seven volunteers worked behind the scenes to pull it off.

Since launching in 2009, Fuel for Warmth has provided temporary emergency heat assistance to more than 800 individuals and families. In 2016-17, the demand increased 17 per cent from the previous year. Fifty-three per cent of its clients are adults, 22 per cent children and 25 per cent seniors.

To learn more about the organization and its services, visit fuelforwarmth.com.



Ugly sweaters

The fifth annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Run kicked off on Sunday, Nov. 26 at the Haliburton Highlands Museum. More than 30 participants of all ages were present, donning sparkles, tinsel, and even Christmas lights. This year, the event raised donations for the Elf Drive, which is a fundraiser through J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School. "Every year we choose a different organization to help out," says organizer Kate Butler. "This year, with the Elf Drive, we're hoping to help some families who may need a little extra help over the holiday season." (*Emily Stonehouse*) Left: Don, Jennifer, and Doreen Button have participated in the Ugly Christmas Sweater Run for the past five years

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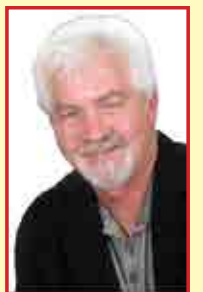
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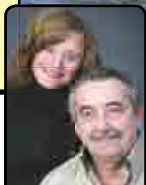


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Top left: Taya Tomlinson, left, and Hailey Smith admire a tree in the Common Room. Top middle: Pam Casey dances her way along Highland Street as a Canada Post mailbox. Top right: A piper with the Pipes and Drums Lindsay. Above: Santa wishes parade goers a merry Christmas. *Photos by Mark Arike.*

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A record number of entries in Haliburton parade

With 43 entries, the 12th annual Haliburton Santa Clause parade on Nov. 24 was one for the record books. "It's the most we've ever had," said coordinator Jim Frost. A large crowd gathered along Highland Street for the evening parade, which featured floats, marching bands, dancers

and the man of the hour, Jolly Old St. Nick. A tree lighting ceremony took place beforehand with music provided by Gord Kidd and Friends. Food items and cash were collected by members of the Lighthouse Pentecostal Church. With contributions from the Haliburton Lions Club and the Haliburton Rotary Club, \$700 will be donated to the Haliburton 4Cs Food Bank, said Frost. The event is a collaboration between the Lions Club and the Haliburton Village BIA. *(Mark Arike)*

Santa and friends visit Minden

Minden was Santa's second stop on his tour of Haliburton County. Many people lined Bobcaygeon Road last Saturday for the daytime parade. A procession of about 35 entries travelled from the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena to town. After spreading holiday cheer along the route, Santa greeted families at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Free hot chocolate and candy canes were provided. Santa will head to Wilberforce Dec. 10 for Highlands East's parade. It starts at 12:30 p.m. at the elementary school. *(Mark Arike)*

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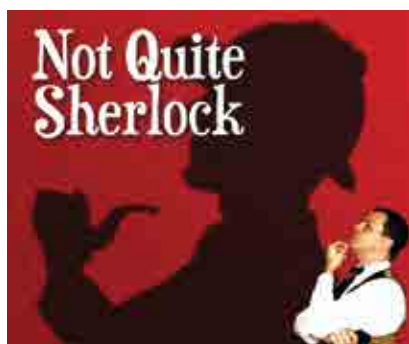


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Highland Storm



Storm schedule November – December

Thursday, Nov., 30 Bantam vs. Kawartha Coyotes 7:30 PM Ops	Tuesday, Dec., 5 Atom vs. Woodville Hurricanes 6:00 PM S. G. Nesbitt Arena	LL Pee wee vs. Parry Sound Shamrocks 1 3:15 PM BOCC	LL Atom II vs. Huntsville McDonald's 10:40 AM CSC (Jack Bionda)	Sunday, Dec., 17 LL Bantam I vs. Huntsville Davicor 12:30 PM A.J. LaRue Arena	Atom vs. Mariposa Lightning 2:00 PM A.J. LaRue Arena
Saturday, Dec., 2 Bantam vs. Almaguin Ice Devils AM SSJ Arena	Pee wee vs. Kawartha Coyotes 7:30 PM S. G. Nesbitt Arena	Bantam vs. Woodville Hurricanes 7:30 PM Woodville/Eldon	LL Pee wee vs. Huntsville HRC 12:00 PM A.J. LaRue Arena	LL Bantam II vs. Huntsville Heather Douglas 1:30 PM A.J. LaRue Arena	Wednesday, Dec., 27 Midget vs. Mariposa Lightning 7:30 PM Little Britain
LL Bantam II vs. LL Bantam I 11:10 Keith Tallman Arena	Thursday, Dec., 7 - Sunday, Dec., 10 Atom AE Ayr Tournament	Sunday, Dec., 10 LL Atom I vs. Huntsville Hidden Valley Resort 12:00 PM A.J. LaRue Arena	LL Bantam I vs. South Muskoka Muskoka Highlands 1:00 PM A.J. LaRue Arena	Thursday, Dec., 21 Pee wee vs. Mariposa Lightning 6:00 PM Oakwood	Friday, Dec., 29 Bantam vs. Lindsay Muskies 7:00 PM A.J. LaRue Arena
Tyke vs. Lindsay Muskies 2:15 PM Lindsay Recreation Complex	Friday, Dec., 8 - Sunday, Dec., 10 Tyke Millbrook	Atom vs. Parry Sound Shamrocks 2:00 PM BOCC	Atom vs. South Muskoka Bears 2:00 PM Bracebridge	Friday, Dec., 22 Atom vs. Durham Crusaders 5:15 PM IPSC (2)	Midget vs. Almaguin Ice Devils 8:30 PM A.J. LaRue Arena
Atom AE vs. Collingwood AE4 Blackhawks 2:20 PM Eddie Bush	Bantam vs Woodville Hurrica 7:00 PM S.G. Nesbitt Arena	Pee wee vs. Parry Sound Shamrocks 3:15 PM BOCC	LL Bantam II vs. South Muskoka Bears 2 2:00 PM A.J. LaRue Arena	Bantam vs. Sturgeon Lake Thunder 8:00 PM Fenelon Falls	Saturday, Dec., 30 Atom AE vs. Huntsville Otters AE 12:30 PM S.G. Nesbitt Arena
Sunday, Dec., 3 Atom AE vs. South Muskoka Bears AE 1:00 PM Gravenhurst	Saturday, Dec., 9 Pee wee vs. Durham Crusaders 1:30 PM IPSC (3)	Tuesday, Dec., 12 Bantam vs. Mariposa Lightning 7:00 PM S.G. Nesbitt Arena	Midget vs. Huntsville Otters 2:10 P CSC (Don Lough)	Midget vs. Huntsville Otters 8:30 PM S.G. Nesbitt Arena	Atom vs. Sturgeon Lake Thunder 2:00 PM S.G. Nesbitt Arena
Atom vs. Sturgeon Lake Thunder 3:45 PM Fenelon Falls	Atom vs. Brock Wild 2:00 PM Beaverton	Friday, Dec., 15 Bantam vs. Elmvale Coyotes 8:00 PM Elmvale	Atom AE vs. Huntsville Otters AE 2:20 PM CSC (Jack Bionda)	Saturday, Dec., 23 Tyke vs. Sturgeon Lake 10:00 AM A.J. LaRue Arena	Tuesday, Jan., 2 Atom AE vs. Lindsay Muskies AE 6:15 PM Lindsay Rec (2)
Tyke vs. South Muskoka 4:00 PM S. G. Nesbitt Arena	LL Atom I vs. South Muskoka Cottage Country Dent 2:00 PM Gravenhurst	Saturday, Dec., 16 Tyke Centre Hastings Tournament (Marmora)	Pee wee vs. South Muskoka Bears 3:30 PM Bracebridge	LL Pee wee vs. Parry Sound Shamrocks 1 12:00 PM S.G. Nesbitt Arena	



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Highland Storm



The Highland Storm Midgets crushed the Brock Wild 5-0 on Nov. 24 in the Game of the Week. *Photo by Mark Arike.*

Storm reports

The Highlander/Smolen Family Dentistry Midgets

A busy week for the Storm midgets began Nov. 21 in Haliburton, when they suffered their first regular season loss, 2-1, to the Kawartha Coyotes. Then, they crushed the Brock Wild 5-0 in Minden, Nov. 24. Next, it was off to Sunridge, Nov. 25 to shut down the Almaguin Ice Devils, 2-0.

You can say it was bad luck for the midgets, however, they did all they could against the Coyotes. From posts, to cross bars, to disallowed goals, nothing worked in the 2-1 loss. Team captain, Owen Patterson-Smith got the only goal with help from Carter O'Neill.

The Brock Wild were no match for the Storm and that 5-0 win gave Carson Sisson a nice shut out.

It was an action-packed game against the Ice Devils. The Storm took the lead in the first period. A great set-up by Lucas Haedicke, drawing the defence and the goalie, and finding an open Prentice to score the goal. Early in the second period, Owen Smith intercepted a pass and expertly top cornered the Storm's second goal. The last period saw a busy penalty box but was scoreless, for the 2-0 Storm victory. *(Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke)*

Pepper Mill Steak and Pasta House/Dollo's Foodland Bantams

The Storm faced the Huntsville Otters Nov. 24 at the S.G. Nesbitt arena in Minden. A scoreless first period saw good action and some nice saves by goalie Ben Landry, including one reaching behind to smother the puck just before it crossed the line.

Huntsville scored first on a screen shot and jumped up by two goals just 90 seconds later. Tyson Clements put the locals on the board after some hard work by Tim Turner and Hunter Arnott in the corner to put Clements alone in front of the net. The Otters regained their two-goal cushion at the end of the second on a power play. With no scoring in the third period, an entertaining game saw the Otters take home a 3-1 victory.

The Storm were right back at it on Saturday afternoon versus the Kawartha Coyotes. Play was fairly even for a good part of the opening period, however the Coyotes drew first blood after the Storm were unable to clear a rebound following a spectacular save by Nate Miscio. The Coyotes jumped ahead by two after a terrific Storm power play almost tied the game. The Coyotes went up by three before the Storm finally found the back of the net with a two-man advantage on a Davies goal to make

it 3-1 heading into the third. Jake Sisson scored to make it 3-2, tipping in a shot from the point by Jaxon Gill, and Brendan Coumbs finished off a strong Storm comeback scoring with 90 seconds left in the game for a 3-3 final. *(Submitted by Gord Hoenow)*

JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre Peewees

On Nov. 22, the Storm headed to Omemee to play the Kawartha Coyotes. The Coyotes scored two quick goals at the start of the first but the Storm cut the lead in half with a goal by Aiden Perrott assisted by Kyan Hall. The Storm tied the game in the second with Perrott scoring again assisted by Hall and then Gage Hutchinson scored unassisted. The Storm held on for a 3-2 win.

The peewees then headed to Brighton to play in a one-day tournament Nov. 25.

The Storm took on the Norwood Hornets first. The Hornets scored first but the Storm tied it with a goal by Hall, unassisted. The Hornets scored again but so did the Storm with another goal by Hall, unassisted.

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Highland Storm

Storm reports continued

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The Hornets scored to put them ahead 3-2 going into the third and added another to put them ahead by two. Hall scored again, assisted by Evan Armstrong, to put it back within one but so did the Hornets who took the game 5-3.

The Storm faced the Loyalist Jets next with Hall opening the scoring, assisted by Cooper Coles and Hutchinson. The Jets tied the game in the second but the Storm took advantage on the power play and Hutchinson scored, assisted by Avery Degeer to regain the lead.

The Storm scored again in the third with a goal by Zander Upton, assisted by Hall and held on for a 3-1 win.

That put the Storm against the Brighton Braves in the A final. With both teams fighting for the win, the Braves were on the board first but the Storm batted hard and tied the game with a goal by Hutchinson, assisted by Damon Harriss. The Braves scored again but the Storm kept with them with Austin Boylan scoring unassisted to tie it.

Again, the Braves scored to take the lead but the Storm kept going with Boylan scoring unassisted again to tie it 3-3 going into the third. With the Storm still trying to come out on top, Boylan scored again, giving him the hat trick and the Storm a 4-3 lead. The Braves scored to tie it 4-4 and then scored again to put them up 5-4. The Storm battled hard but the Braves put one into the empty net to give them a 6-4 win..

Next game is Dec. 5 in Minden against the Kawartha Coyotes at 7:30 p.m. *(Submitted by Ron Hall)*

G.J. Burtch Construction Atom AE

On Nov. 25, the team hosted two great games at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton against the Almaguin Ice Devils. The Storm dominated the first game 6-2. Two goals for Jace Mills and Isaac Lee and singles to Cayden Russell and Parker Simms.

The second game was entirely different. The Ice Devils were not going down without a fight. In the first period, the Storm took the lead with two goals from Mills and one from Lee. With many penalties, Mills was able to score his third goal for the hat trick. Evan Jones scored one more for the Storm, ending the game in a 5-5 tie.

On Sunday, the Storm travelled to Huntsville to take on the Otters. In the second period, the Otters scored the first goal. Going into the third, the Storm stepped up their game. Degan Davidson sent a pass to Lee for their first goal. With only 1:36 left on the clock, Liam Harrison passed the puck to Mills who scored to end the game in a 3-2 loss.

On Dec. 2, the Storm travel to Collingwood to take on the Blackhawks. *(Lisa Reinwald)*

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The Storm hosted the Brock Wild at the A.J. LaRue arena Nov. 24. In the first period, Cheyenne Degeer scored an unassisted goal. However, in the second, the Wild scored with only minutes left to make it a 1-1 hockey game going into the third. That frame saw a goal by Brechin Johnston, assisted by Joshua Scheffee. A minute later, Addison Carr scored, assisted by Johnston and Caleb Manning. The Wild scored with only a minute left but it was still a 3-2 win for the Storm.

On Nov. 25, the Storm travelled to Elmvale to face the Coyotes but lost 7-1. The lone goal was scored by Carr, assisted by Mak Prentice.

The Storm travel to Fenelon Falls to face the Sturgeon Lake Thunder Dec. 3 at 3:45 p.m. *(Submitted by Jessica Tomlinson)*

Tom Prentice and Sons Trucking Tykes

The Storm played a double-header Nov. 25. First, they travelled to Humphrey to face the Muskoka Rock. Vanek Logan backhanded the puck into the net, scoring the lone goal of the first period. Both goals in the second were scored by Evan Perrott, assisted by Mason Latanville.

The Storm scored all three, third penalty goals. Jaxon Casey got two and Perrott his hat-trick marker. The Storm won 6-0.

On Nov. 25, South Muskoka was no match for the Storm. Perrott opened the high scoring first period with an unassisted breakaway goal. Assisted by Matthew Scheffee, defenseman Zach Prentice got his first goal of the season after breaking down the right side of the ice and wristing one by Muskoka's goalie. The next Storm goal was a wraparound by Logan, unassisted.

Easton Burk picked up a rebound goal off a shot on net by Latanville. A five-hole goal by Perrott finished off the period.

South Muskoka was determined to get on the scoreboard, and they did just that by getting the first goal in the second. Fighting back, Casey fed a pass to McCartney Sanders who got it by the opponent's goaltender. Burk then got his second goal of the game after rushing down the left side. The final goal of the game was scored by Latanville who was all alone out front. The Storm won 8-1.

On Dec. 2, the tykes travel to Lindsay to take on the Muskies at 2:15 p.m. *(Submitted by Jessica Tomlinson)*

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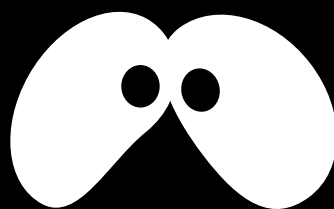
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Zach Morissette #18 Midgets



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Nik Dollo #17 Midgets



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Jets reports

The Canadian Tire/Parkview Dental Bantam Girls Jets won The Kitchener Lady Rangers Fallfest Tournament "C" Division this past weekend.

The first game on Friday afternoon saw the Jets face the South Bruce Blades. The girls worked hard but despite all of their efforts fell short 3-2. Gillian Rosik, with a stick-to-stick pass from Emma Tidey, was in a scramble in front of the net and was able to get a hold of the puck and tap it in. Haley Goulet took a pass from Hannah McMann, bounced the puck off the boards past her opponents, and scored with a wrist shot over the goalie's right pad.

Friday night, the team played the Napanee Crunch and this time took the win 2-1. Scoring for the Jets was Tidey, who took a shot and the puck ricocheted off the post into the back of the net. Ryan Rupnow added the second with a wrist shot from the blue line. Rosik assisted on both goals.

Early Saturday morning, the Jets shut down the Ennismore Eagles. Tidey started the Jets scoring, skating the puck through the Eagles defense and putting it top right corner, unassisted. McMann, with a precision pass from Emily Alexander, and a powerful front flick drifted the puck into the back of the net. Goulet, with a wrist shot, found an opening over the Eagle goalie's trapper, assisted by McMann. Tidey added her second and the final goal of the game by being persistent and digging in a scramble in the crease area and was able to net the puck unassisted. Final score Jets 4, Ennismore 0.

Saturday afternoon, the Jets secured a spot in the finals and faced the Lambton Attack in an evenly-matched

game with both teams skating end-to-end the entire time. The Jets took the win 2-1. Goals were scored by Tidey, assisted by Alexander and McMann, assisted by Emma Neuman.

The championship game on Sunday morning saw the Jets up against the Blades. Determined to win, the team came out flying and each member brought their A game. A spectacle of speed, passing, good communication and a vast array of hockey skills were displayed in front of a large crowd. Early in the first period, Goulet got her own rebound and tipped it past the Blades goalie, assisted by Kennedy Croskery. With two minutes left in the first, Rosik with a wrist shot put the puck top right corner, assisted by Jaylin Frost. In the second period, the girls continued to battle for the puck but no goals were scored. Jets 2, Blades 0.

The third period saw the team face some unexpected challenges and had the crowd on the edge of their seats. With 4:16 on the clock, the Jets incurred a penalty and then at 3:03 another. To add to the tension, the Blades pulled their goalie pressuring the Jets in a 6-on-3 situation. The girls skated even harder, pulled together as a team and fought right to the end to keep their rivals from getting on the scoreboard. Goulet was able to score the final goal of the game with an empty-netter unassisted.

Bella Smolen has a fantastic weekend in net. Her great goalie sense, quick reflexes, pad blocking, blocker stopping and trapper catching skills earned two shut outs and helped the team in conquering their quest for gold. (Submitted by Linda Goulet).

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Thank You

The families of the late Henrietta (Henie) Holland and I wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the medical team: Dr. Michael Armstrong, the nurses and support staff and especially those who provided exceptional care and support in the Palliative Care Unit at Haliburton Highlands Health Services. How very much we appreciated the newly finished Palliative Care Facility – and thank you Haliburton Community for making this possible. Thank you Dwaine and Lori Lloyd of the Haliburton Community Funeral Home for all your assistance with arrangements and formalities.

Thank you to Pastor Brian Plouffe, the Royal Canadian Legion Br 129 and the Ladies Auxiliary, Ron Murphy and Canoe FM.

To everyone near and far who expressed love and caring, before and after by sending flowers, plants, cards, food and the many visits to our courageous Henie during her final weeks, and to those who helped us make the Celebration of Henie's life a memorable occasion, my deepest appreciation.

Irvin Holland

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We can never thank enough Ian's employer Tulip Retail's Ceo Ali Asaria for offering to make this day happen. Special thanks to Dariusz Grabka, Tony Salomone, Jeff Woods, Joshua Vanner, Andrew Welton and Ian's best friends Puru Shah and Abi Moosa for having the strength to say heart felt words of what our son meant to them.

We will never forget Heather Raspberry for all the time and effort she put into making this day unforgettable.

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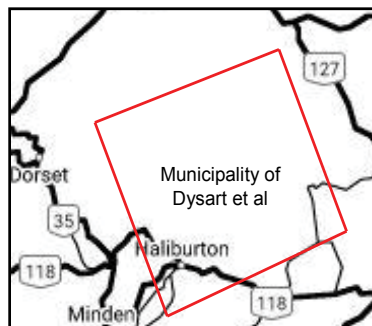
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Public Information Centre (#2)

Date: Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Time: 6:30pm – 9pm

Location: Council Chambers at the Municipal Office
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Haliburton, ON, K0M 1S0

Comments Invited

You are invited to attend the PIC to provide your comments so that they may be included in the study. Comments received throughout the course of the assessment will be considered in selecting the preferred alternative. Following the PIC comments will be received until January 5, 2018.

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NOTICE



COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING APPLICATION FOR MINOR VARIANCE

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Committee of Adjustment of the Township of Minden Hills will hold a Public Hearing on:

DATE: Monday, December 11, 2017
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Municipal Council Chambers
7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario.

to consider minor variance applications **PLMV2017090**. The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to consider the proposed Minor Variances to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law pursuant to Section 45 of the Planning Act. The minor variance applications being considered are listed below:

PLMV2017090 - Part of Lot 19, Concession 11, Geographic Township of Lutterworth; municipally known as 1104 Forsters Road; and located on Gull Lake (see Key Map).



Purpose and Effect of the Application: The applicant wishes to replace the recently demolished dwelling and attached deck with a new larger dwelling. The previous dwelling measured 69.4m² (747sq.ft.) and 6.5m. (21'4") in height and is proposed to be 108.9m² (1,172sq.ft) measuring 7.5m (24'7") in height. Recently Minor Variance application PLMV2017043 was approved allowing the proposed development to take place at a setback of 12.2m. (40') from the High Water Mark, the applicant now seeks the same relief but to allow for the development to take place at a distance of 7.9m. (26') from the lake.

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Thursday November 30

11 – noon – Adult Shiny at A.J. LaRue Arena, Haliburton.\$5/person

Noon – 2 p.m. – Adults Only Public Skating at A.J. LaRue Arena, Haliburton.\$2/person

Noon – 2 p.m. – Public Skating at S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden, \$2/person. Children under 10 must wear a CSA approved helmet.

11 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Craft Group in Wilberforce, at Deep Roots Adventure, every Thursday. Call 705-448-9888.

Friday December 1

11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Christmas Luncheon at Our Lady of Fatima Church, 7 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden. Bucket draw, bake sale, Santa squares, 50/50 tickets. Admission \$5 (snow date Dec 2).

Noon – 2 p.m. – Community Christmas Lunch, at Haliburton Legion. Presented by HHHS Community Support Services, RSVP by Nov. 24. Entertainment & delicious turkey dinner, with dessert! \$18/person. Call 705-457-2941 to order your tickets.

5:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Oxtongue Lake Community Christmas Tree Lighting, 3971 Hwy 60, Dwight. Tree lighting, carolling, hot chocolate & apple cider, snacks, followed by warm-up and social time in the community centre. All are welcome!

7-9 p.m. – Kolomyjka: An evening of Ukranian dance, music and food, featuring guest artists from Winnipeg's Verba Ukranian Dance Company. In the Great Hall of Fleming College's Haliburton Campus, 297 College Dr. Everyone welcome, admission by donation, cash bar.

Saturday December 2

9 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Santa's Workshop Craft Sale, at Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce. Wide variety of items knits, jewelry, stained glass, art, wreaths, gingerbread, fruitcake, gently used treasures, crafts and more! Hosted by Wilberforce Heritage Guild. Lunch provided by St. Margaret's Anglican Church.

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. – Minden Lions Craft & Vendor Show, at Lions Hall 166 Bobcaygeon Rd. Minden.

Noon – 2 p.m. – Winter Festival & Haliburton County Farmers' Market, at Abbey Gardens. Visit the Food Hub and Farmers' Market, savour a homemade lunch and pick up your Christmas tree while you're there. Wagon rides, Santa's workshop, and more!

1 – 4 p.m. – Minden United Church, Christmas Concert with Gord Kidd, Newcastle St., Minden. Admission by donation to the Minden Food Bank. Come and sing carols!

2 p.m. – The Nutcracker, presented by Heritage Ballet, at Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Over 80 performers from age two and up will perform this Christmas classic. Tickets available at onstagedirect.com/buy/event_info.action?eventId=730

7:30 p.m. – The Nutcracker, presented by Heritage Ballet, at Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Over 80 performers from age three and up will perform this Christmas classic. Tickets available at onstagedirect.com/buy/event_info.action?eventId=730

Sunday December 3

11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Public Skating at A.J. LaRue Arena, Haliburton.\$2/person

Noon – 2 p.m. – Public Skating at S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden, \$2/person. Children under 10 must wear a CSA approved helmet.

1 p.m. – Coboconk Santa Claus Parade – mark your calendar! Join Santa at the legion after the parade for a kids' party. Please bring non-perishable food donations to the parade for the food bank.

1 p.m. – Save the Algonquin Wolf, a talk by Brent Patterson from the MNRF, at the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association's fish hatchery, 6812 Gelert Rd. Haliburton.

2 p.m. – The Nutcracker, presented by Heritage Ballet, at Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Over 80 performers from age three and up will perform this Christmas classic. Tickets available at onstagedirect.com/buy/event_info.action?eventId=730

2 p.m. – "A Light in the Darkness", a "Blue Christmas" service, sponsored by churches of Haliburton, to be held at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 27 Victoria St. Haliburton. For some people, the Christmas season is a sad time of year. This service is open to any who may be experiencing the pain of grief, or who find the Christmas season difficult.

Tuesday December 5

10 – 11 a.m. Coffee & Colouring, at the Dysart Branch of the Haliburton County Library, 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month!

Wednesday December 6

11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Public Skating at A.J. LaRue Arena, Haliburton.\$2/person

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Thursday, December 7

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11 – noon – Adult Shiny at A.J. LaRue Arena, Haliburton.\$5/person

Noon – 2 p.m. – Adults Only Public Skating at A.J. LaRue Arena, Haliburton.\$2/person

Noon – 2 p.m. – Community Christmas Lunch, at Minden Legion. Presented by HHHS Community Support Services, RSVP by Nov 30th. Entertainment & delicious turkey dinner, with dessert! \$19/person. Call 705-457-2941 to order your tickets.

6:30 p.m. – Let it Glow! - Kinmount Christmas tree lighting, at the train station. Caroling, bonfire, treats, and free photos with Santa!

Friday December 8

Noon – 2 p.m. – Community Christmas Lunch, at Wilberforce Legion. Presented by HHHS Community Support Services, RSVP by Dec 1st. Entertainment & delicious turkey dinner, with dessert! \$15/person. Call 705-457-2941 to order your tickets.

4 – 7 p.m. St Paul's Anglican Church, Children's Christmas Gift Sale, 19 Invergordon Ave., Minden, nothing more than \$1. For more info call the church office at 705-286-2541.

Saturday December 9

Christmas in the Village, Kinmount

8:30 – 11 a.m. Breakfast with Santa, at St. James Anglican Church, Crego St., Kinmount.

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Kinmount Farmers' Market, at the Community Centre. Free Christmas crafts for kids, Kinny elf hunt.

12:30 p.m. – Horse drawn wagon rides at the Railway station

2 p.m. – Santa at the Legion, meet at the post office and follow him up to the legion for a free family lunch and gifts for kids 10 and under.

7 p.m. – Jingle & Mingle – Christmas music night with Rhythtfoot at Galway Hall. Desserts, loonie auction. Tickets \$15. 705-488-2635

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. – Motorized Snow Vehicle Operator's Course, for people aged 12 and up. See hcsa.ca/driver-training/ for details.

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. St Paul's Anglican Church, Children's Christmas Gift Sale, 19 Invergordon Ave., Minden, nothing more than \$1. For more info call the church office at 705-286-2541.

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Fill the Cruiser Food Drive at Wilberforce Foodland. All donations received will support Wilberforce and Cardiff food banks.

4 – 7 p.m. – The Highlands Trio, in the Clubroom at the Haliburton Legion. 50/50 draw at 6 p.m.

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HALIBURTON BRANCH

Monday bridge 1p.m.

Tuesday dart league starting at 7 p.m.

Wednesday bid euchre 1 p.m. start, bingo doors open at 6 p.m., bingo starts at 7 p.m. - \$500 jackpot, \$1000 jackpot - last Wednesday of the month.

Thursday general meeting third Thursday of the month starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

Friday meat draw - five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets \$2 per draw ... Chester Howse, MC.

Friday cribbage 1 p.m. start and fun darts - 4:30 p.m. onwards

Saturday 50/50 4 p.m. draw, tickets \$1 each from noon onwards

Sunday breakfast second and fourth Sunday of the month – 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. \$6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed.

The Highlands Trio, Saturday, Dec. 9, 4-7 p.m. in the Club Room. Enjoy a delicious meal for only \$6 prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary. \$5 cover charge for non-members. Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at (705) 457-2571, email rc129@bellnet.ca or visit haliburtonlegion.com Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129 ... everyone is welcome.

MINDEN BRANCH

The seniors art group have a hands-on session every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. There are a few openings in this group, so if you have been waiting, now is your chance. Our Big Bucks Euchre is Sunday, Dec. 3 at noon.

Ladies darts have resumed for the fall, Wed. afternoon at 1 p.m.

Monday-every second week rug hooking; Tuesday, seniors art classes 10 a.m., bid euchre 1 p.m.; Wednesday, meat draw noon; Thursday, mixed darts and euchre 7 p.m.; Friday 7 p.m. mixed darts; Saturday, meat draw 1 p.m.; Sunday, sports day noon. Lunches every Mon.-Fri, with Friday featuring fish and chips and chicken wings also served 5-7 p.m. Take-out available. Everyone welcome.

WILBERFORCE BRANCH

Dec. 1 Ham & scalloped dinner cancelled
Dec. 2 Meat draw 2 p.m. - Early bird 3 p.m. sharp
Dec. 2 Wildlife dinner 5:30 - 7 p.m. Tickets now available to the legion for \$20

Dec. 4 Bid euchre 7 p.m. Beginners welcome

Dec. 5 Executive meeting 7 p.m.

Dec. 6 Fun darts 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 7 Youth Christmas party 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

We are in dire need of volunteers for many different things we have going on. If anyone is interested in helping, call the legion 705-448-2221 and sign up today. Travelling this winter? Get your travel insurance through your membership.

Dec. 10 Santa Claus parade 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

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What's on



Left to right: Lorraine Weber of the Baptist Church in West Guilford, Catherine Wheeler, secretary of St. Anthony's, Pastor Garry Swagerman and Jean Schlicklin Tyler prepare for Sunday's event. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

A place to find light in the darkness

By Jennifer Hughey

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in the Highlands. Storefront windows are decorated, twinkling lights don the street lamps and Santa has visited a few parts of the county.

But for many people, it's a sad time of year when they grieve the loss of a loved one in a significant way, says Jean Schlicklin Tyler, part of a committee at St. Anthony's Church in Haliburton organizing a service called "Light in the Darkness."

Words of Hope will be shared by Father Scott Murray, the interim pastor at St. Anthony.

"It's a Christian-based service being prepared by representatives from various churches in this area," Schlicklin Tyler said, adding that means all of the county churches are sharing the information with their congregations.

"There have been events over the years, some hosted by churches and other years hosted by SIRCH or Hospice groups," Schlicklin Tyler said. "This is a first for [us]

to plan and support an event in uniting our community..."

Pastor Garry Swagerman, a member of the bereavement network with SIRCH and Pastor of Eagle Lake Community Church, said in a press release for the event that it's comforting to know that you are not alone in your grief.

Tyler agrees, noting the gathering will be hosted by these churches for those without a church, so anyone can participate in a worship of remembering loved ones during the season of Christmas, in a place that is

safe.

"Accompanying someone in the process of grief can be a healing experience even for the person trying to help," she said.

The service will include prayers, music and reflection. Anyone who is going through the pain of grief or finds the holiday season difficult is welcome to attend. It's on Dec. 3 at 2 p.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 27 Victoria St., Haliburton.

Refreshments will be served after the service.

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